

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE

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TO: DMH Everyone

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SUBJECT: **WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT FOR GLORIA SHEPPARD, L.C.S.W.**

It is our great pleasure to welcome Ms. Gloria Sheppard, L.C.S.W., to her new position as Mental Health Clinical Program Head for the American Indian Counseling Center (AICC). Ms. Sheppard served as the center's acting manager from March 2010 until her promotion. She garnered respect and support from our American Indian stakeholders and community providers during her tenure as the acting manager and has been tireless in advancing the current program expansion efforts of AICC, afforded in large part due to the opportunity provided by the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and particularly Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) implementation efforts.

Ms. Sheppard has worked for Los Angeles County for more than twenty years and has evidenced dedicated service to our Department since joining DMH at Edelman Mental Health Center in 1998. Gloria has worked for many years with at-risk children and their families and was promoted in 2001 to a Supervising Psychiatric Social Worker working at San Antonio Mental Health Center. Indeed, Ms. Sheppard previously served as San Antonio's acting manager for more than a year's time, when the center was without a Program Head. In 2006, Ms. Sheppard moved to headquarters to work under Ms. Ana Suarez, District Chief, developing and implementing Specialized Foster Care (SFC) efforts and programs in Service Area 7. Her clinical and supervisory expertise were invaluable during her years with Specialized Foster Care, allowing her to work directly for more than four years with AICC's implementation of their own SFC program.

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Sheppard, LCSW, to her new position as Mental Health Clinical Program Head over operations at AICC. Thank you!

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c: Gloria Sheppard, L.C.S.W.